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| S 000   | <b>Initial Comments</b><br><br>This Statement of Deficiencies was generated as the result of a state licensure complaint investigation survey initiated at your facility on April 24, 2009 and finalized on April 28, 2009.<br><br>The survey was conducted using the authority of NAC 449, Hospitals, last adopted by the State Board of Health on August 04, 2004.<br><br>The following complaints were investigated.<br><br>Complaint #NV00018868 - Unsubstantiated<br>Complaint #NV00019860 - Unsubstantiated<br>Complaint #NV00020734 - Unsubstantiated<br>Complaint #NV00019298 - Substantiated without deficiencies.<br>Complaint #NV00021580 - Substantiated (Tag # S0153, S0295, S0300, S0311, S0322)<br><br>The findings and conclusions of any investigation by the Health Division shall not be construed as prohibiting any criminal or civil investigations, actions or other claims for relief that may be available to any party under applicable federal, state or local laws.<br><br>The following regulatory deficiencies were identified. | S 000  |  |  |
| S 153<br>SS=D   | <b>NAC 449.332 Discharge Planning</b><br><br>11. The patient, members of the family of the patient and any other person involved in caring for the patient must be provided with such information as is necessary to prepare them for the post-hospital care of the patient.  | S 153  |  |  |

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*Douglas Hewitt*  
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| S 153   | Continued From page 1<br><br>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by:<br>Based on interview, record review and document<br>review the facility failed to ensure family<br>members involved in the patients care were<br>notified the patients discharge/transfer to a<br>rehabilitation center was canceled. ( Patient #5)<br><br>Findings include:<br><br>The Physician's History and Physical dated<br>12/02/08 indicated Patient #5 was a 77 year old<br>male who became increasingly aggressive<br>towards his wife at home. The patient had<br>thought disorganization and confusion coincident<br>to delusions and paranoid ideations. There was<br>also some physical aggression by the patient<br>toward his wife. The patient was admitted to the<br>Gero Psych unit for further evaluation and<br>treatment. The patients diagnoses included<br>organic delusional disorder, organic affective<br>disorder, diabetes and bipolar disorder.<br><br>A family member indicated on 12/13/08, the<br>facility called and notified the family member that<br>the patient was being transferred to a<br>rehabilitation center in the evening. The family<br>member reported she went to the rehabilitation<br>center and discovered the patient was not there.<br>The family member went to the facility and<br>discovered the patient had been transferred to a<br>medical unit and placed in isolation due to an<br>infected right leg. The family member reported<br>the nursing staff and case manager did not notify<br>her of the canceled transfer of Patient #5.<br><br>On 04/28/09 at 11:00 AM, the Chief Nurse<br>acknowledged the facility and case manager<br>should have notified the family that the patients<br>transfer to the rehabilitation center was canceled<br>due to a medical complication. | S 153  | Complaint #21580<br>Tag S153<br><b><u>A.) Corrective action for affected<br/>patient</u></b><br>Patient #5 was discharged from the<br>Geropsych Unit on 12/13/2008; therefore<br>the deficiency identified for this patient<br>can not be rectified at this time.<br><br><b><u>B.) Identification of others potentially<br/>affected by deficient practice</u></b><br>All patients discharged and/or transferred<br>from the Geropsych Unit have the<br>potential to be affected by this process.<br>The Geropsych Unit will ensure<br>consistent implementation of the<br><i>Discharge Instruction</i> policy to ensure<br>that patients and/or family members are<br>notified, as appropriate, about changes in<br>the discharge plan. The <i>Transfer of<br/>Patients to Other Units</i> policy will be<br>reviewed and revised to clarify that<br>patients and/or family members will be<br>notified when transferred from the<br>Geropsych Unit to an acute care unit<br>within North Vista Hospital. | 6/1/09   |

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| S 153   | Continued From page 2<br><br>A Physician Order dated 12/12/08 at 9:47 AM, included an order to transfer the patient to rehab if cleared by psychiatry and a case management consult for placement.<br><br>A review of the medical records indicated the patient developed an infection in his right leg and was diagnosed with sepsis on 12/13/08.<br><br>A Physicians Order dated 12/13/08 indicated the patients transfer to a rehabilitation unit was canceled and the patient was transferred to a medical surgical floor at the facility. A wound care consult for right lower leg was ordered by the physician.<br><br>There was no documented evidence in the medical record that indicated the family was called and notified by nursing staff or case management that the patients transfer to a rehabilitation center was canceled.<br><br>The facility Discharge Instruction Policy last revised 04/08, included the following:<br><br>Policy:<br><br>"There will be an established mechanism to ensure that each patient being discharged from the facility receives appropriate discharge instructions to facilitate his transition to home and/or other facility."<br><br>Procedure:<br><br>"The Discharge Plan/Instructions will be reviewed with the patient, significant other and/or responsible party to ensure their understanding of the instructions." | S 153  | Complaint #21580<br>Tag S153 - Continued<br><br><u>C.) Measures put in place to ensure deficient practice does not occur</u><br>The SBAR Report form utilized by the nursing staff to give report to other units, within North Vista Hospital, will be modified to include documentation of family notification of a patient's transfer to an acute care bed. The Geropsych Unit Director has implemented a <i>GeroPysch Charge Nurse Responsibility Check List</i> , which includes a review of discharge instructions given by the nurse to the patient, to ensure completeness.<br><br>The staff will be in-serviced on the appropriate steps to take when there is a change in the patient's condition, treatment plan, and/or discharge plan. This tag will be used as a case scenario in the education process. | 6/1/09<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>June and July 2009 |   |

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The facility Discharge Planning-General Guidelines last revised 06/08 included the following:

"Information from the health care team is essential to the patient and family, who will be selecting post hospital care based on these factors combined with suitability and availability of local resources."

"With the patients consent, basic medical, social and financial information is utilized in the referral process. Such information may contain activity of daily living goals and current function, physical therapy performance, physical status, etc. If for any reason the plan is altered or abandoned this will also be documented in the medical record."

Severity: 2 Scope: 1

Complaint # 21580

S 295 NAC 449.361 Nursing Services  
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6. A hospital shall ensure that the nursing staff develops and keeps current a plan for nursing care for each inpatient.

This Regulation is not met as evidenced by:  
Based on interview, record review and document review the facility failed to ensure the nursing staff developed and kept current a nursing care plan for a patient. ( Patient #5)

Findings include:

1. The Physician's History and Physical dated

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**D.) Monitoring of Corrective Actions**

For the next three month period (June, July, and August), the Geropsych Unit will conduct random audits to monitor compliance with documentation, related to changes in the patient's condition, treatment plan, and/or discharge plan.

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**E.) Individual Responsible**

Geropsych Unit Director

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| S 295                    | <p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>12/02/08 indicated Patient #5 was a 77 year old male who became increasingly aggressive towards his wife at home. The patient had thought disorganization and confusion coincident to delusions and paranoid ideations. There was also some physical aggression by the patient toward his wife. The patient was admitted to the Gero Psych unit for further evaluation and treatment. The patients diagnoses included organic delusional disorder, organic affective disorder, diabetes and bipolar disorder.</p> <p>A review of the nursing notes indicated the nurses on the Gero Psych unit identified an abnormality with the skin on the patients right leg on 12/09/08 and the patients left coccyx region on 12/10/08. The patients right leg became red, swollen and a cellulitis developed. The patient developed a right leg wound described as edematous with necrotic wound and redness surrounding the area. The patient developed a stage 2 (partial thickness skin loss involving epidermis and or dermis, not penetrating through dermis) decubitus coccyx ulcer. The physician progress notes and nursing notes revealed the physician was not notified by the nurses about the patient's right leg cellulitis and wound until 12/13/08. The patient was then diagnosed with sepsis and transferred to a medical surgical unit.</p> <p>On 04/28/09 at 9:00 AM, the Chief Nurse reviewed Patient #5's physician progress notes, nursing notes and nursing care plan and acknowledged the facility nurses failed to follow hospital policy and notify the physician when there was a change in the patients condition. The Chief Nurse confirmed the facility nurses failed to notify the physician when the patients right leg wound and coccyx wound were first identified and</p> | S 295               | <p>Complaint #21580<br/>Tag S295</p> <p><b><u>A.) Corrective action for affected patient</u></b><br/>Patient #5 was discharged from the Geropsych Unit on 12/13/2008; therefore the deficiency identified for this patient can not be rectified at this time.</p> <p><b><u>B.) Identification of others potentially affected by deficient practice</u></b><br/>All patients discharged and/or transferred from the Geropsych Unit have the potential to be affected by this process. The Geropsych Unit will ensure that appropriate care plans are developed and implemented for each patient. All patients on the Geropsych Unit will have their skin assessed as outlined in the <i>Pressure Ulcer, Skin Care Protocol</i>.</p> <p>The <i>Interdisciplinary Plan of Care</i> policy will be reviewed and revised to ensure the content adequately describes the process applicable to the Geropsych Unit.</p> <p>The Geropsych Unit RN will initiate an appropriate care plan for his/her patients on the Geropsych Unit, including goals and interventions. The patient's care plans will address skin care, potential for skin breakdown, nutrition, and activities of daily living, as appropriate. The Geropsych Unit's care plan forms will be reviewed to determine if changes need to be made in the content.</p> | June 2009                |

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| S 295   | <p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>when both wounds intensified in severity. The Chief Nurse acknowledged the facility nurses failed to document the patients potential for skin breakdown and the patients skin wounds once they developed on the nursing care plan. The Chief Nurse acknowledged the nurses did not follow facility policy and document the goals, objectives or clinical interventions for the patients skin breakdown on the nursing care plan.</p> <p>A review of the facility's Multidisciplinary Integrated Treatment Plan for Patient #5 dated 12/02/08, revealed no documentation of a potential for skin breakdown or any skin ulcers or wounds identified on the patients right leg or coccyx region. There was no documentation of goals, objectives or clinical interventions on the care plan for skin breakdown.</p> <p>The facility Pressure Ulcer, Skin Care Protocol last renewed 02/09, included under Procedures:</p> <p>"8. The licensed professional will develop a plan of care to prevent /or treat compromised skin integrity. Such plan of care will include but is not limited to:</p> <p>a. Notify the primary care physician of the skin breakdown and obtain wound care orders.</p> <p>b. Communicating with the facility skin care team representatives regarding care and treatment of wound."</p> <p>2. A Nutritional Assessment Form dated 12/03/08 and filled out by a registered dietician indicated the recommendation included a CNA (certified nursing assistant) provide assistance to the patient with meals and encourage PO (by mouth) intake.</p> | S 295  | <p>Complaint #21580<br/>Tag S295 - Continued</p> <p><b><u>C.) Measures put in place to ensure deficient practice does not occur</u></b><br/>The Geropsych Unit Director has implemented a <i>GeroPsych Charge Nurse Responsibility Check List</i>, which includes a review of documentation by the nursing staff, including pictures taken of pressure ulcers/skin break down.</p> <p>The staff will be in-serviced on the appropriate implementation of care plans and skin care assessments. This tag will be used as a case scenario in the education process.</p> <p><b><u>D.) Monitoring of Corrective Actions</u></b><br/>For the next three month period (June, July, and August), the Geropsych Unit will conduct random audits to monitor compliance with documentation, related to care plans and skin care assessment.</p> <p><b><u>E.) Individual Responsible</u></b><br/>Geropsych Unit Director</p> | <p>June and<br/>July 2009</p> <p>June to<br/>August<br/>2009</p> |

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| S 295   | Continued From page 6<br><br>The facility's Multidisciplinary Integrated Treatment Plan for Patient #5 dated 12/02/08, indicated under Problem #2, appetite disturbance. There were no goals, objectives or clinical interventions documented on the patients nursing care plan for appetite disturbance.<br><br>The Activities of Daily Living Flow Sheet for 12/05/08, revealed no documentation of percentage of food the patient consumed for lunch or dinner. The flow sheet for 12/07/08 revealed no percentage of food consumed for dinner.<br><br>On 04/28/09 at 9:00 AM, the Chief Nurse acknowledged the nurses did not follow the facility policy and document the goals, objectives or clinical interventions for appetite disturbance on Patient #5's nursing care plan.<br><br>Severity: 2 Scope: 1<br><br>Complaint # 21580 | S 295  |  |  |
| S 300<br>SS=D   | NAC 449.3622 Appropriate Care of Patient<br><br>1. Each patient must receive, and the hospital shall provide or arrange for, individualized care, treatment and rehabilitation based on the assessment of the patient that is appropriate to the needs of the patient and the severity of the disease, condition, impairment or disability from which the patient is suffering.<br><br>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by:<br>Based on interview, record review and document review the facility failed to ensure a patient received the appropriate individualized care,  | S 300  |  |  |

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| S 300   | <p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>treatment and rehabilitation based on the assessment of the patient.<br/>(Patient #5)</p> <p>Findings include;</p> <p>1. The Physician's History and Physical dated 12/02/08, indicated Patient #5 was a 77 year old male who became increasingly aggressive towards his wife at home. The patient had thought disorganization and confusion coincident to delusions and paranoid ideations. There was also some physical aggression by the patient toward his wife. The patient was admitted to the Gero Psych unit for further evaluation and treatment. The patients diagnosis included organic delusional disorder, organic affective disorder, diabetes and bipolar disorder.</p> <p>A review of the nursing notes indicated the nurses on the Gero Psych unit identified an abnormality with the skin on the patients right leg on 12/09/08 and the patients left coccyx region on 12/10/08. The patient's right leg became red, swollen and a cellulitis developed. The patient developed a right leg wound described as edematous with necrotic wound and redness surrounding the area. The patient developed a stage 2 (partial thickness skin loss involving epidermis and or dermis, not penetrating through dermis) decubitus coccyx ulcer. The physician progress notes and nursing notes revealed the physician was not notified by the nurses about the patients right leg cellulitis and wound until 12/13/08. The patient was then diagnosed with sepsis and transferred to a medical surgical unit.</p> <p>On 04/28/09 at 9:00 AM, the Chief Nurse reviewed Patient #5's physician progress notes,</p> | S 300  | <p>Complaint #21580<br/>Tag S300</p> <p><b><u>A.) Corrective action for affected patient</u></b><br/>Patient #5 was discharged from the Geropsych Unit on 12/13/2008; therefore the deficiency identified for this patient can not be rectified at this time.</p> <p><b><u>B.) Identification of others potentially affected by deficient practice</u></b><br/>All patients discharged and/or transferred from the Geropsych Unit have the potential to be affected by this process. The Geropsych Unit will ensure that appropriate care is individualized and that the patient's physician will be notified of changes in the patient's condition. All patients on the Geropsych Unit will have an appropriate Treatment plan implemented that addresses skin care, as appropriate.</p> <p>The <i>Interdisciplinary Plan of Care</i> policy will be reviewed and revised to ensure the content adequately describes the process applicable to the Geropsych Unit.</p> <p>The Geropsych Unit RN will initiate an appropriate care plan for his/her patients on the Geropsych Unit, including goals and interventions. The patient's care plans will address skin care, potential for skin breakdown, nutrition, and activities of daily living, as appropriate.</p> |  |

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| S 300   | <p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>nursing notes and nursing care plan and acknowledged the facility nurses failed to follow hospital policy and notify the physician when there was a change in the patients condition. The Chief Nurse confirmed the facility nurses failed to notify the physician when the patient's right leg wound and coccyx wound were first identified and when both wounds intensified in severity. The Chief Nurse acknowledged the facility nurses failed to document the patient's potential for skin breakdown and the patients skin wounds once they developed on the nursing care plan. The Chief Nurse acknowledged the nurses did not follow facility policy and document the goals, objectives or clinical interventions for the patients skin breakdown on the nursing care plan.</p> <p>A review of the facility's Multidisciplinary Integrated Treatment Plan for Patient #5 dated 12/02/08, revealed no documentation of a potential for skin breakdown or any skin ulcers or wounds identified on the patients right leg or coccyx region. There was no documentation of goals, objectives or clinical interventions on the care plan for skin breakdown.</p> <p>The facility Pressure Ulcer, Skin Care Protocol last renewed 02/09, included under Procedures:</p> <p>"8. The licensed professional will develop a plan of care to prevent /or treat compromised skin integrity. Such plan of care will include but is not limited to:</p> <p>a. Notify the primary care physician of the skin breakdown and obtain wound care orders.<br/>b. Communicating with the facility skin care team representatives regarding care and treatment of wound."</p> | S 300  | <p>Complaint #21580<br/>Tag S300 - Continued</p> <p>The Geropsych Unit's care plan forms will be reviewed to determine if changes need to be made in the content.</p> <p><b><u>C.) Measures put in place to ensure deficient practice does not occur</u></b><br/>The Geropsych Unit Director has implemented a GeroPysch Charge Nurse Responsibility Check List, which includes a review of documentation by the nursing staff, including pictures taken of wounds.</p> <p>The staff will be in serviced on the appropriate implementation of care plans and skin care assessments. This tag will be used as a case scenario in the education process.</p> <p><b><u>D.) Monitoring of Corrective Actions</u></b><br/>For the next three month period (June, July, and August), the Geropsych Unit will conduct random audits to monitor compliance with documentation, related to care plans and skin care assessment.</p> <p><b><u>E.) Individual Responsible</u></b><br/>Geropsych Unit Director</p> | <p>6/1/09</p> <p>June and July 2009</p> <p>June to August 2009</p> |

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| S 300   | <p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>2. A Nutritional Assessment Form dated 12/03/08 and filled out by a registered dietician indicated the recommendation included a CNA (certified nursing assistant) provide assistance to the patient with meals and encourage PO (by mouth) intake.</p> <p>The facility's Multidisciplinary Integrated Treatment Plan for Patient #5 dated 12/02/08, indicated under Problem #2, appetite disturbance. There were no goals, objectives or clinical interventions documented on the patients nursing care plan for appetite disturbance.</p> <p>The Activities of Daily Living Flow Sheet for 12/05/08, revealed no documentation of percentage of food the patient consumed for lunch or dinner. The flow sheet for 12/07/08, revealed no percentage of food consumed for dinner.</p> <p>On 04/28/09 at 9:00 AM, the The Chief Nurse acknowledged the nurses did not follow facility policy and document the goals, objectives or clinical interventions for appetite disturbance on Patient #5's nursing care plan.</p> <p>Severity: 2 Scope: 1</p> <p>Complaint # 21580</p> | S 300   |  |  |  |
| S 311<br>SS=D   | <p>NAC 449.3624 Assessment of Patients</p> <p>2. Each patient must be reassessed according to hospital policy:<br/>(a) When there is a significant change in his condition</p>  | S 311   |  |  |  |

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| S 311   | <p>Continued From page 10</p> <p>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by:<br/>Based on interview, record review and document review the facility failed to follow its policies and procedures and notify a physician when there was a significant change in a patients condition. (Patient #5)</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The Physician's History and Physical dated 12/02/08 indicated Patient #5 was a 77 year old male who became increasingly aggressive towards his wife at home. The patient had thought disorganization and confusion coincident to delusions and paranoid ideations. There was also some physical aggression by the patient toward his wife. The patient was admitted to the Gero Psych unit for further evaluation and treatment. The patients diagnosis included organic delusional disorder, organic affective disorder, diabetes and bipolar disorder.</p> <p>A review of the nursing notes indicated the nurses on the Gero Psych unit identified an abnormality with the skin on the patients right leg on 12/09/08 and the patients left coccyx region on 12/10/08. The patients right leg became red, swollen and a cellulitis developed. The patient developed a right leg wound described as edematous with necrotic wound and redness surrounding the area. The patient developed a stage 2 (partial thickness skin loss involving epidermis and or dermis, not penetrating through dermis) decubitus coccyx ulcer. The physician progress notes and nursing notes revealed the physician was not notified by the nurses about the patients right leg cellulitis and wound until 12/13/08. The patient was then diagnosed with sepsis and transferred to a medical surgical unit.</p> | S 311  | <p>Complaint #21580<br/>Tag S311</p> <p><b><u>A.) Corrective action for affected patient</u></b><br/>Patient #5 was discharged from the facility on 12/13/2008; therefore the deficiency identified for this patient can not be rectified at this time.</p> <p><b><u>B.) Identification of others potentially affected by deficient practice</u></b><br/>All patients discharged and/or transferred from the Geropsych Unit have the potential to be affected by this process. The Geropsych Unit will ensure that physicians are appropriately notified when there is a significant change in the patient's condition.</p> <p>The <i>Communication Hand-Off</i> policy has been reviewed and no changes were identified.</p> <p>The Geropsych Units SBAR communication tool will be reviewed to determine if changes need to be made in the content, related to notifying the physician of significant patient condition changes.</p> | <p>5/19/09</p> <p>June 2009</p> |   |

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| S 311                    | <p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>On 04/28/09 at 9:00 AM, the Chief Nurse reviewed Patient #5's physician progress notes, nursing notes and nursing care plan and acknowledged the facility nurses failed to follow hospital policy and notify the physician when there was a change in the patients condition. The Chief Nurse confirmed the facility nurses failed to notify the physician when the patients right leg wound and coccyx wound were first identified and when both wounds intensified in severity. The Chief Nurse acknowledged the facility nurses failed to document the patients potential for skin breakdown and the patients skin wounds once they developed on the nursing care plan.</p> <p>A review of the facility's Multidisciplinary Integrated Treatment Plan for Patient #5 dated 12/02/08, revealed no documentation of a potential for skin breakdown or any skin ulcers or wounds identified on the patients right leg or coccyx region. There was no documentation of goals, objectives or clinical interventions on the care plan for skin breakdown.</p> <p>The facility Pressure Ulcer , Skin Care Protocol last renewed 02/09, included under Procedures:</p> <p>"8. The licensed professional will develop a plan of care to prevent /or treat compromised skin integrity. Such plan of care will include but is not limited to:</p> <p>a. Notify the primary care physician of the skin breakdown and obtain wound care orders.</p> <p>b. Communicating with the facility skin care team representatives regarding care and treatment of wound."</p> <p>Severity: 2 Scope: 1</p> | S 311               | <p>Complaint #21580<br/>Tag S311 - Continued</p> <p><b><u>C.) Measures put in place to ensure deficient practice does not occur</u></b><br/>The staff will be in-serviced on the appropriate process for notifying the physician when there is a significant change in a patient's condition. This tag will be used as a case scenario in the education process.</p> <p><b><u>D.) Monitoring of Corrective Actions</u></b><br/>For the next three month period (June, July, and August), the Geropsych Unit will conduct random audits to monitor compliance with documentation, related to the Treatment Plan, care plans and skin care assessment.</p> <p><b><u>E.) Individual Responsible</u></b><br/>Geropsych Unit Director</p> | <p>June and<br/>July 2009</p> <p>June to<br/>August<br/>2009</p> |

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|   | Complaint # 21580   |  | Complaint #21580<br>Tag S322   |  |
| S 322<br>SS=D   | NAC 449.3628 Protection of Patients<br><br>2. The governing body shall develop and carry<br>out policies and procedures that prevent and<br>prohibit neglect and misappropriation of the<br>personal property of a patient.<br><br>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by:<br>Based on record review and document review the<br>facility failed to carry out policies and procedures<br>to prevent neglect of the personal property of a<br>patient. (Patient #5)<br><br>Findings include:<br><br>Patient #5 was admitted to the hospital on<br>12/2/08.<br><br>A family member indicated when Patient #5 was<br>admitted to the hospital he had upper and lower<br>dentures in his mouth. The family member was<br>informed by the nurses the patient was not<br>eating. The family member reported on two<br>occasions while visiting the patient she found the<br>patient restrained in a restraint chair and his food<br>tray left for him. The patient could not reach the<br>tray to feed himself. The family member indicated<br>when she started to feed the patient she<br>discovered his lower denture plate was missing.<br>The family member reported the missing denture<br>plate to the facility who informed her the patients<br>lower denture plate had been lost.<br><br>The Patient Valuable and Belongings Form from<br>the Gero Psych unit dated 12/02/08, documented | S 322  | <u><b>A.) Corrective action for affected<br/>patient</b></u><br>Patient #5 was discharged from the<br>facility on 12/13/2008; therefore the<br>deficiency identified for this patient can<br>not be rectified at this time.<br><br><u><b>B.) Identification of others potentially<br/>affected by deficient practice</b></u><br>All patients discharged and/or transferred<br>from the Geropsych Unit have the<br>potential to be affected by this process.<br>The Geropsych Unit will ensure that the<br>patient's belongings are documented<br>appropriately on the <i>Patient Clothes and<br/>Valuables List</i> form.<br><br>The <i>Valuables and Belongings</i> policy has<br>been reviewed and no changes were<br>identified at this time.<br><br>The Geropsych Unit RN will initiate a<br><i>Patient Clothes and Valuables List</i> for<br>his/her patients on the Geropsych Unit.<br>The patient and/or family will be asked if<br>he/she has upper and/or lower dentures. | 5/19/09  |

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| S 322   | <p>Continued From page 13</p> <p>under dentures/partial/upper/lower no entry was made.</p> <p>The facility incident report dated 12/19/08 at 2:39 PM, indicated the following: "Gero Psych staff stated the patient was not brought in with dentures, although patient had upper dentures in place. Emergency room staff contacted and no dentures located."</p> <p>The facility Valuables and Belongings Policy last revised 10/08, documented the following:</p> <p>"All personal items including valuables will be identified and accounted for on a patients cloths and valuables list by nursing personnel. Eye glasses, hearing aids, dentures are usually considered to be patient's belongings. If the patient was admitted from the emergency department and transferred to ICU (intensive care unit), T2, or T3, the receiving nurse will verify the patients belongings/valuables and sign off on the document validating all belongings/valuables were accounted for upon transfer. If a patient was being admitted to or from the Gero Psych Unit, a new patient valuables and belongings form must be initiated."</p> <p>A review of the patients belongings form indicated the facility failed to accurately document the patients upper and lower dentures when he was transferred from the emergency room to the Gero Psych unit.</p> <p>Severity: 2 Scope: 1</p> <p>Complaint # 21580</p> | S 322  | <p>Complaint #21580<br/>Tag S322 - Continued</p> <p><b><u>C.) Measures put in place to ensure deficient practice does not occur</u></b><br/>The Geropsych Unit Director has implemented a <i>GeroPsych Charge Nurse Responsibility Check List</i>, which includes a review of documentation by the nursing staff, including patient belongings. The checklist is completed each shift by the Charge Nurse.</p> <p>The staff will be in-serviced on the appropriate implementation of completing an accurate patient belongings list. This tag will be used as a case scenario in the education process.</p> <p><b><u>D.) Monitoring of Corrective Actions</u></b><br/>For the next three month period (June, July, and August), the Geropsych Unit will conduct random audits to monitor compliance with documentation, related to patient belongings.</p> <p><b><u>E.) Individual Responsible</u></b><br/>Geropsych Unit Director</p> | <p>June and<br/>July 2009</p> <p>June to<br/>August<br/>2009</p> |

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